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In re Patent Application of:  
Maldei et al.

Application No.: 10/619,884

Filed: July 15, 2003

For: METHOD TO IMPROVE BITLINE  
CONTACT FORMATION USING A LINE  
MASK

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In response to the Office Action mailed June 15, 2004,  
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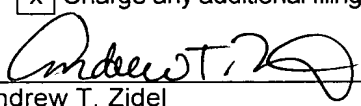
Invention: METHOD TO IMPROVE BITLINE CONTACT FORMATION USING A LINE MASK

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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